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Northrop and the Air Force rolled out the B-2 stealth bomber at Air Force plant 42 in Palmdale, Calif.

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Photo by Peter Bird

Crewmembers prepare for take off in a C-7A Caribou of the 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron during the Vietnam War. From flying Vietnam-era C-7A Caribou, the “new” squadron will soon fly the C-17 Globemaster – an aircraft with nearly four decades difference in technology but the same critical airlift mission.

Walk back in time: 535th to fly again

By Steve Diamond
15th Airlift Wing History Office

As everyone at Hickam knows (and if you don't, you haven't been paying attention), the 15th Airlift Wing will have a new airlift mission in the next couple years – flying the Air Force's latest cargo aircraft, the C-17 Globemaster. While the wing's 65th Airlift Squadron will continue its distinguished visitor mission, the complexity of the C-17 mission will require standing up a separate, new airlift squadron.

In this case, “new” means “old” – in the sense of reactivating an old and honorable squadron, the 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron. The squadron first activated in October 1943 as the 535th Fighter Squadron. During WWII, the 535th provided replacement pilot training until disbanded in April

1944.

Briefly reactivated and deactivated again from 1949-1951, the squadron saw new life in January 1967 when it was redesignated as the 535th Troop Carrier Squadron assigned to the 483rd Troop Carrier Wing (PACAF). The wing's first order of business was supervising the transfer of all US Army C-7A “Caribou” in Southeast Asia to the USAF. From then on, 535th pilots flew “Bou's” in Vietnam, providing airlift of routine cargo, support of special forces, medical evacuation, emergency supply, airdrop of paratroops and cargo, and other combat missions. The squadron was redesignated as the 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron in August 1967.

The skills of the Caribou crews earned an impressive array of honors for actions during the Vietnam War. The 535th shared three Presidential Unit

Citations — two USAF PUCs and one Navy PUC, in part supporting US Marines during the famous Battle for Khe Sanh (1968). The ability of American airlift to keep the besieged Marines at Khe Sanh resupplied played a crucial role in preventing Khe Sanh from being a repeat of the French defeat at Dien Bien Phu. In addition, the 535th earned three Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with the Combat “V” Device and a Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, all for Vietnam actions. The 535th last inactivated Jan. 24, 1972.

Not only will the 535th TAS make a great leap forward to the 21st century, it will also make a great leap forward in technology. From flying Vietnam-era C-7A Caribou, the “new” squadron will soon fly the C-17 Globemaster — aircraft with almost four decades difference in technology but the same critical airlift mission.



Reflecting on 100 years of 'Air Power'

By Lt. Col. Lance J Lindsley
65th Airlift Squadron commander

As we approach the 100th year of powered flight, I think it's worthwhile to reflect on the awesome nature of our achievement in this new adventure and each of our own individual roles in the development of flight.

I know what you're thinking. First, why is this a new adventure? Aren't we celebrating 100 years of it already? And second, what's my role? Well, let me explain myself.

Manned flight began Nov. 21, 1783, when Pilâtre de Rozier and the Marquis d'Arlandes made the first ascent from Paris in a hot-air balloon created by Joseph and Etienne Montgolfier. But balloons are pretty limited. You can't use balloons for travel or transport, so powered flight became the new frontier.

As we all know, the first successful manned flight occurred Dec. 17, 1903, when Orville Wright took off at 10:35am and flew for 12 sec-

onds, covering 120 feet. We've all heard that this flight went a distance shorter than the wingspan of a Boeing 747 (for us Air Force types, the 120 foot success was less than the 169 feet 10 inch wingspan of the C-17).

For most of you wearing a uniform (or our civilian partners), you've been around for at least one fifth of the history of flight. For us slightly age-enhanced personnel, we've been around for almost half of it.

I was born less than twenty years into the jet age. In my lifetime alone, I've seen men walking on the moon, hypervelocity aerospace vehicles, the birth of the Space Shuttle program, and a long list of newly fielded aircraft and spacecraft too long to list.

The changes have been dramatic with technological advances feeding more rapid advances. With this dramatic rate of change, we are still in the infancy of powered flight. Yes, it's still a new adventure, and we've got lots of excitement to look forward to.

Now, I'll move on to my second point. Everyone who serves our Air Force, both in and out of uniform, is part of this great success story. As Dr. James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, stated in remarks at the Centennial of Flight Symposium, "In this century of aviation achievement, countless leaders have played an influential role in advocating and promoting the capabilities of air and space power. Yet, while we recall the many towering figures of aviation history, we should never forget those many airmen whose contributions may not appear in the headlines or popular history books, but to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for recognizing the vitality of this new medium."

Every one of you plays a vital part in this enterprise. Every one of you is connected to the successes.

I remember flying high over the Pacific Ocean, droning along in my C-141 Starlifter headed to some distant destination a few years back. As I listened to the static

and hiss of the high frequency radio, I overheard conversations between Dick Rutan, pilot of the aircraft Voyager, on his attempted non-stop and unrefueled flight around the world. He was having difficulty with his radios, so we tried to help him relay vital information to and from his control center. I'd like to think I played at least an infinitesimal part in his successful flight.

There's no doubt we all play a part in the success of Air Force airpower.

As the greatest airpower force in history, the Air Force has dramatically affected the growth of powered flight.

By extension, every successful effort you are involved in through your service has a positive effect on the Air Force mission and in some small way affects the further development of this exciting new medium.

Take pride in the centennial celebration of flight and look forward to the future of this exciting endeavor. You've had a part in it.

Native Americans impact American History

Tech. Sgt. Anthony Zachas,
15th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity

It's Native American Heritage Month – a time to celebrate and recognize Native American contributions to society. Native Americans have played a critical part in our country's history. Early European settlers exploring new terrain were guided by Native Americans who made maps, negotiated, translated, and provided first aid. Many of these explorers would not have made it on their own.

We can trace many items frequently used today back to Native Americans. In fact, 60 percent of the food eaten throughout the world is derived from plants that were originally domesticated by Native Americans.

Two of our most important staples, corn and potatoes, are Native American gifts. Native Americans also introduced us to peanuts, squashes, beans and tobacco. Many Native American objects are still in widespread use today—canoes, kayaks, moccasins, cotton, tents, rubber and parkas.

In early United States history, as the East Coast population increased, furs, land and game became scarce. Native Americans were forced to move westward and their population dwindled. It's estimated there were nearly 2.5 million Native Americans inhabiting North America and after nearly 400 years of being moved, only 250,000 remained in 1890. Although these native peoples were being pushed across their land, it's not widely known that Native Americans fought for the govern-

ment in every war in which American soldiers participated.

Native Americans fought for both the Union and Confederate Armies. Ten thousand young Native Americans were in active service during WWI. Many served as "code talkers," speaking in their native language over field phones to confuse the enemy. During WWII, participation by Native Americans more than doubled to 25,000. Private First Class Ira Hays, a Pima Native American, was one of the men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima on Mount Suribachi. Nearly 42,000 Native Americans fought in Vietnam.

Today, more than one million Native Americans live in the United States. They have a proud history. Many Americans are just beginning to understand and value the rich heritage of America's "First Peoples."

Special Event

The Hickam Native American Heritage Committee is holding an event Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center. There will be several displays, music and dancers. The Red Mountain Intertribal Drum Group will perform. Call Master Sgt. Barron Dowdy at 449-4877 for more information.

Action Lines

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name – it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.



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Intel airmen: Help Team Hickam mission fly along

By Airman 1st Class Angela Stantorf
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Flexible airmen with positive attitude are essential to the mission of the Air Force. Some airmen on Hickam have proved above and beyond their ability to do whatever is required.

The 324th Intelligence Squadron has 44 airmen waiting for their security clearances before they can start work at the Kunia Regional Security Operations Center.

They are called casual airmen or casuals. The process of investigating these troops can sometimes take more than a year.

While on casual status these troops augment different units on the base, learning new skills and acquiring an appreciation for the mission of the Air Force as a whole. While doing so they have made a strong impact on Hickam.

"Members from the 324th IS not only meet their mission requirements, but assist many units around the base on a daily basis by assigning their airmen who are waiting clearance, to units in need," said Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron, Team Hickam Career Assistance Advisor.

"I and the base have personally benefited from their support in the first term airmen center and the career assistance advisor functions. Their support provided the needed administrative and personnel relief, allowing me to focus on important issues and improving these programs," he said.

Intel troops work throughout the base at such facilities like family support center, Red Cross, education office, 15th Airlift Wing headquarters and first term airmen's center.



Courtesy photo

Airmen 1st Class Frank Corralejo, 324th Intelligence Squadron, pounds out a few push-ups after being awarded his security forces beret by completing all the necessary ready training. He is a casual airman awaiting his security clearance to begin his job with in the 324th IS.

A big benefactor of the program has been the 15th Security Forces Squadron. The SFS received extra help, to ease the burden of deployed troops. The 324th had more than 20 troops working security duty in the past four months, with about 20 of the troops earning their berets through extra training. The troops work out on the flight line and at other posts, watching for suspicious behavior and activity.

At the education center Airman 1st class Joseph Payne is the Community College of the Air Force representative. He schedules tests, advises students, and helped organize the CCAF graduation in May. Along with his responsibilities as CCAF representative, Airman Payne also

helped design the education center's web site. His hard work was recognized by the Hickam Chiefs' group which presented him with the Chiefs' pick of the month coin in September.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Lajeunesse, superintendent of First Term Airman Center has received help from three 324th IS casuals; Tech. Sgt. Thomas Niemczycki, Airman 1st Class Kevin Minnis, and Airman Samatha Keith, who have helped with administration, scheduling speakers, organizing field trips and graduations.

Because they are in daily contact with the students, the 324 IS casuals are required to "kick it up a notch. They are in a direct leadership position," according to Sergeant Lajeunesse.

"The 324th people here have a direct impact to the successful transition of all first term airmen, from a training environment to the operational Air Force," he said.

"The way the casuals impact Team Hickam's mission is great in the aspects of assisting in the continuous operations of many different offices," said Staff Sgt. Victoria Woods, 324th casual manager.

According to Sergeant Woods, the opportunity for the airman to learn another job in the Air Force will benefit them in their career understand more about the entire mission.

The 324th is doing their best to provide opportunities for the casuals that will make a difference to the mission of the Air Force.

The casuals may not be performing the job they trained for, but each of them is contributing to the mission of the Air Force.

Dec. 7th: Time for remembrance, celebration

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Team Hickam will hold its Air Force Ball in conjunction with celebrating the 100th year of powered flight and the attack on Oahu Dec. 7th.

The Air Force Ball is usually held in September to mark the Air Force birthday, which turned 56 this year. But because of such a chance to celebrate three remarkable dates in history all at once, the celebration was delayed a few months later.

"It's amazing how much aviation has changed in 100 years," said Maj. Joanna Hupp, the Air Force Ball and Centennial of Flight project officer. "Just imagining the Wright brothers working in their bicycle shop and how genius their thinking was ahead of their time with such an idea like wind tunnels."

That forward thinking was also on the minds of Team Hickam in planning the events together.

The day will kick off at 7:45 a.m. with a commemoration ceremony marking the exact time of the attack on Oahu with a reveille and reenactment fly-over at the base flag pole.

Then at 5 p.m. a dedication ceremony for

the refurbished B-26 and the new P-40 memorial will also be held at the base flag pole.

The ball set to begun at 6 p.m. with a social hour and then dinner at 7, will feature Air Force artwork and the Air Force Band of the Pacific. Also, many WWII time period artifacts from the Air and Space Museum of the Pacific will be present for viewing.

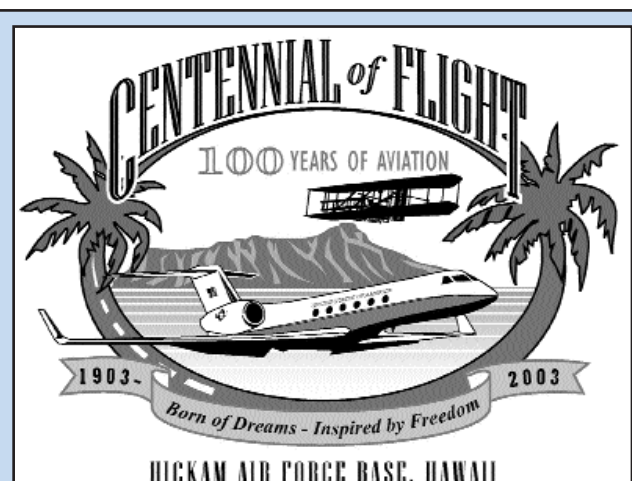
"By tying together the anniversary of powered flight, the Air Force birthday, and the commemoration of the attack on Oahu, we thought it would be a great opportunity to provide veterans with the largest scale celebration and remembrance," said Thomas Burton, 15th Airlift Wing Protocol.

"Once more, we want to show how important they are to the history of this base and the military."

According to Maj. Hupp and Mr. Burton they hope the Ball will draw near 300 people in attendance and with the attack commemoration and dedications the goal is even more.

Tickets for the Air Force Ball can be bought through all Team Hickam first sergeants.

People interested in helping out can volunteer for a Carwash fundraiser Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the BX parking lot. For more details about volunteering, call Maj. Joanna Hupp at 449-2342.



Dec 7th events:

7:45 a.m. – Reenactment of attack on Oahu at the base flag pole.

5 p.m. – Dedication of the refurbished B-26 and new P-40 memorial at the base flag pole

6 p.m. – Air Force Ball at the Officer's club.

Army awards Team Hickam special agent

By Capt. Miki Gilloon

447th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

A Team Hickam member was recognized by the Army Nov. 14 for his heroism and meritorious actions.

Special Agent Chad Bostian, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Region 6 Anti-terrorism Team, was presented the Army Commendation Medal in a ceremony at the Hickam PME Center.

Agent Bostian and Special Agent Thomas Lehberger were at Camp Sather not knowing they would be at the right place at the right time – to save a U.S. Army soldier's life.

The agents, both from Forward Operating Location 17, provided immediate medical assistance July 13 to a soldier who faced life-threatening injuries from an exploded grenade.

Their actions didn't go unnoticed by the Army.

Col. Dyfied Harris, Commanding Officer of the First Armored Division's Fourth Brigade, presented the Army to Lehberger for saving one of their own.

The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who distinguish themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

Agents Lehberger and Bostian were returning from a counterintelligence mission when they saw a U.S. Army humvee approaching them from behind at a high rate of speed.

Agent Bostian was driving the vehicle, and the

quick movement behind him caught his eye.

"This caught my attention because most Army movements usually consist of more than one vehicle and they usually do not drive at a high rate of speed like this one did," he said.

The two quickly pulled their vehicle to the side of the road to allow the humvee to pass. As it passed, they noticed the passenger side door of the vehicle covered with blood.

"We just knew there was an attack when the vehicle passed. Based on the environment we were in, we knew they [the driver and passenger] were attacked in some manner," Agent Lehberger said.

The two OSI agents followed the humvee, which stopped abruptly near the northern gate of Baghdad International Airport. U.S. Army soldiers surrounded the humvee, and according to Agent Lehberger, he and Agent Bostian ran to the scene to determine what was wrong.

Inside was an Army soldier who suffered injuries as a result of attempting to get rid of a grenade that was thrown into the humvee as they were driving in the city of Abu Ghurayb, located about 1.5 miles from the airport.

The agents let their instincts and training take control.

The two determined the quickest way to get medical help was to load the soldier into their vehicle and drive him to the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron at Baghdad International Airport, Bostian said.

"I knew there was no time available to wait for a medivac helicopter or ambulance to take this wounded soldier in," Agent Lehberger said. "I knew we could have this soldier in good hands in only a matter of five minutes."

The soldier was lifted into the vehicle and Lehberger rendered first-aid from the passenger seat.

"I turned around from the front seat to hold the soldier. I grabbed his upper arm and put one hand on his hip to keep him from sliding around the vehicle as we were driving," he said. "The soldier told me to put a tourniquet on his arm, but I told him we'll be there in just a minute and to just hang on. And I was squeezing his arm for direct pressure and holding him in place against the seat."

Lehberger said the soldier looked as though he was going into shock.

"I started talking to him, just asking him questions such as what's his name, where he's from, does he have any family. Just as long as he was talking, that's all that I was trying to do," he said.

According to Maj. Michael Reiners, AFOSI FOL-17 commander, the soldier received proper medical attention in less than 10 minutes from the results of Agent Lehberger's and Bostian's actions. "They did all the right things quickly, and it made the difference between life and death. I couldn't be more proud of them," he said.

Asked if he considers themselves heroes, Agent Lehberger replied, "We were just doing what we'd expect anyone else to do."

Beef prices make shopping a necessity

By Bonnie Powell,
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – The economy is improving at a snail’s pace, but beef prices are “sizzling” and there is no end in sight. As a result, families on a tight food budget might have to look at their dinner plates and ask, “Where’s the beef?”

Military shoppers are not protected from the dramatic increases in beef prices, but double-digit savings over commercial grocery stores gives authorized customers even more reason to shop their commissary meat case.

“Beef prices are hitting record highs,” said Jack Fowler, meat operations manager for the

Defense Commissary Agency. “Commissary shoppers are going to see an increase in beef prices as well, but compared to commercial grocery stores they will still be saving an average of 35 percent or more on meat.”

Americans are consuming a lot of beef and so are military families. Beef sales in commissaries are up 5 percent since 2002. But whether it’s the popularity of those high protein diets, periodic bans on imported beef due to “mad cow” disease scares, or a drought in the Western United States, the bottom line is the highest beef prices in nearly a decade are here to stay – for at least the next six months.

“The beef market is based on

supply and demand, and when the demand is more than supply, you can expect higher prices,” said Fowler.

Fowler suggests families on a tight budget might want to purchase lower priced cuts of beef until the market supply stabilizes. Overseas commissaries only carry USDA Choice, but many stateside commissaries also offer USDA Select, which is generally less expensive, leaner and with fewer calories than the higher graded USDA Choice. Select beef may not be quite as tender, juicy or flavorful as Choice.

For more information on cuts of meat, check out the USDA Web site at: [\[tobuy/meat.htm\]\(http://www.ams.usda.gov/how-tobuy/meat.htm\)](http://www.ams.usda.gov/how-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Commissary beef sales may still be up, but shoppers are also buying more chicken.

Chicken is less expensive and the prices have remained more stable than beef. Pork has also risen in price recently, but the increases are still less dramatic than for beef, according to Fowler.

On a side note, complicating matters even more for consumers who don’t actually buy a lot of fresh beef is this: many products containing beef, such as beef hot dogs or deli meats, will also be affected by high prices.

In conclusion, “we just don’t know to what degree yet,” said Fowler.

'One click, one call' customer service arrives

RANDOLPH AFBASE, Texas (AFPN) – A one-stop customer service phone number and Web page are up and running, linking several call centers and online resources Air Force people use when managing personnel and pay information.

A single phone number and a companion Web site now make it easier for Air Force active-duty and reserve component military, as well as U.S. appropriated fund civilian employees to find what they need quickly, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Customers can find answers to questions by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or visiting *www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst*. Until now the burden has been on Air Force people to determine which agency handles a particular issue before contacting customer service by phone or on the Web. Customers will be able to

access any of the following support services by using the new number and Web site:

- Air Force Contact Center for general military personnel inquiries, including discrimination and sexual harassment concerns and assistance in navigating the virtual military personnel flight application.

- Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel inquiries.

- Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Cleveland Contact Center for Air Force military pay inquiries and assistance with the myPay application.

- AFPC Technical Assistance Center for technical support for applications such as vMPF, assignment management system, AFPC Secure and PC-III.

- AFPC Recruiting Service Center for civilian appropriated fund job opportunities.

- AFPC Benefits and Entitlements Service Team for civilian appropriated-fund benefits and entitlements.

This latest evolution in customer self-service is the product of revolutionary cooperation between different agencies inside and outside of the Air Force, officials said.

"A substantial partnership between military and civilian personnel, Air Force financial services (military pay), and Defense Finance and Accounting Service – years in the making – is making one-stop customer service possible," said James Short, the Air Force's deputy assistant secretary for financial operations.

15 SFS Phoenix Ravens are Best of the Best

By Master Sgt. Marc Brandsness
15th Security Forces Squadron

A specially trained unit of Team Hickam “Ravens” visited a local reserve officer training corps Nov. 6

A team of 15th Security Forces Squadron Phoenix Ravens visited Air Force ROTC Detachment 175, at the University of Hawaii. The team provided the cadets with an orientation briefing on the Phoenix Raven mission, and a short demonstration of tactics that included realistic scenarios and role-playing.

Then the 170 person cadet corps was divided into groups, for a crash course in hand to hand combat. The Raven team members taught the cadets kicking and punching techniques, and the bravest cadets entered the ring to spar with a Raven member dressed in a protective “Red Man” suit. According to Tech. Sgt. Guy Dashnea, 15 SFS Raven team member, “Everyone had a terrific time! The visit was a great opportunity to introduce the

cadets to the Security Forces career field, and present our mission in a very positive light.”

The Phoenix Raven program was established in 1997 by Air Mobility Command, in direct response to the bombing of Khobar Towers and the rapidly increasing level of global terrorist activity. To meet the challenges of a blistering operations tempo in an increasingly turbulent world, there was clearly a need for specially trained security personnel, capable of deploying worldwide on little or no-notice. The Phoenix Raven certification course was established in 1997 at the Air Mobility Warfare Center, in Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

Phoenix Ravens are trained to protect Air Force assets in transit through countries deemed high threat by the AMC Threat Working Group, or anywhere additional security is needed to counter local threats.

The certification course has evolved into a highly respected course that is as mentally and physically demanding as any other career field can offer. Air Force security forces candidates, Federal Air

Marshals, Army, Navy, and Coast Guard police complete a three week curriculum that teaches them to protect U.S. assets and personnel in foreign countries.

The candidates are exposed to a regimen that includes cross cultural communication, legal considerations, embassy operations, counter surveillance techniques, verbal judo, airfield assessment surveys, aircraft searching, armed and unarmed self defense techniques, Dynamics of International Terrorism, and over 70 use-of-force scenarios, said Staff Sgt. Rogelio Ponce, a 15th SFS course graduate.

Air Force security forces candidates who successfully pass this grueling course are awarded a numerical Raven number, which they will have throughout their career. Only three out of every four candidates graduate and receive a number.

“Earning my Raven number was one of the most fulfilling accomplishments of my Air Force career,”

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said Sergeant Dashnea. “It’s something I’ll never forget.”

The 15th SFS has 12 Phoenix Ravens who fly security missions in support of Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander and Adm. Thomas Fargo, Pacific Command commander and the travel itineraries of both commanders often include austere locations which require extra protection for Air Force assets while on the ground. The Ravens typically deploy in teams of two to four. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Raven teams have

flown 16 protective security details to more than 20 different countries in the PACAF area of responsibility.

In addition to providing security, the Raven teams conduct comprehensive airfield assessments, which ensure Air Force assets are protected adequately while deployed. These assessments assist major command threat working groups and Headquarters U.S. Air Force security forces in determining the force protection climate at each airfield where the Air Force operates. In most cases, the

Ravens are the only U.S. security forces present, with no back up available for many miles. In their role as elite ambassadors of our Air Force and our entire nation, Raven members learn to appreciate and respect many different cultures.

“The future looks bright for the 15th Security Forces Squadron Ravens,” said Senior Master Sgt. James Cornman, the 15th SFS operations superintendent. “Their role will become even more crucial in the coming years.”

According to Sergeant Cornman, as the 15th Airlift Wing transitions to its C-17 mission, the 15th SFS will increase its number of Phoenix Raven manning authorizations, in order to fulfill Hickam’s piece of the Global Reach mission.

“As long as we continue to operate with limited manpower and logistical support, in high-threat and remote locales, Raven teams will be called upon to protect the people and assets of the best Air Force in the world,” he said.

Air Force board game debuts Dec. 1

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – A new game is scheduled to hit the shelves of base exchanges Dec. 1 when the Army and Air Force Exchange Service introduces Air Force Edition Monopoly.

“This is a one-of-a-kind board game dedicated to the men and women of the United States Air Force,” said Chris Burton, of the exchange service.

According to the game box, “You’ve been appointed a joint air-component commander and must assemble your forces to deploy and fight the enemy. As you accumulate air expeditionary squadrons and wings, remember the words of the Air Force chief of staff, ‘Victory belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe.’”

In classic Monopoly risk-taking, deal-making style, players compete to control aircraft, rocket and satellite properties, Burton said.

Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary squadrons and air expeditionary wings.

“Also, the chance and community chest cards have been changed to airman’s legacy and commander’s call cards, with comments referring to the Air Force,” Burton said.

Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III. Even the money is custom made to complement the Air Force theme.

The Air Force edition comes after the success of the Army Monopoly game in August 2002, Burton said.

Officials plan to stock the game for as long as customers demand the product, Burton said. Based on sales of the Army edition -- the No. 1 board game sold by AAFES -- Burton said the Air Force edition is expected to be as successful or better.

Customers can purchase the game online at www.aafes.com starting Nov. 18 and in stores beginning Dec. 1.



Courtesy graphic

Air Force Edition Monopoly will be available at base exchanges beginning Dec. 1. Instead of traditional houses and hotels, the Air Force edition features air expeditionary squadrons and air expeditionary wings. Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite or a C-17 Globemaster III.

News Notes

Commander’s Call

Col. Raymond Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, will hold a commander’s call Monday at the Memorial Theater.

The following are the preferred times to attend: officers - 9 to 10 a.m.; civilians - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and enlisted - 3 to 4 p.m.

Makahiki

A Pre-Western Hawaiian cultural event is taking place Saturday at the Hickam Harbor. All base personnel are invited to attend. Bleachers are set up in the Outdoor Recreation Parking area behind the Sea Breeze. Outrigger canoes will start landing at

Hickam Harbor around 10:30 a.m., and the Makahiki event will start at 11 a.m. Guests can expect to see a gift presentation in the Hawaiian language, dancing, and various traditional demonstrations. The Sea Breeze will be selling plate lunches and refreshments for the spectators. For additional information, call Capt Jacqueline Bieker at 449-1701. The Hickam Beach is closed Saturday morning until 2 p.m. due to this event

HOSC

Hickam Officers' Spouses Club members will see homes decked out in Christmas finery during the HOSC Annual Holiday Tour of Homes Dec. 9. Members should meet at the O'Club at 5:30 p.m.

for the tour and then return to the O'Club for desserts and some holiday cheer. Cost of the desserts is \$3. Permanent reservations apply for this function. Deadline for reservations is Dec. 2 at noon. For reservations, call Malia Thompson (those whose last name begins with the letters A-M) at 421-1179 or Sue Lackey (N-Z) at 422-7283.

Breakfest with Santa

Breakfast with Santa is Dec. 6 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Hickam Officers' Club Lanai. Space is limited to 150 people so call Malia Thompson at 421-1179 for a seat now. Santa arrives with a bag of good-

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ies for the children at 9:30 a.m. A wrapped book for each child –valued at \$10 or less – should be brought to the O'Club Parking Lot Dec. 4 between 8:15 and 9:15 a.m. The gift should be clearly labeled with the child's name. Entertainment will be provided and a buffet breakfast will be served from 8:30 until 9 a.m. This event is open to all Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club members and their guests on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment by check must be made out to "HOSC" or may be charged to a club card. Please mail or drop off payment to Malia Thompson, 2374D Gemini Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96818

Cookie Time

Volunteers from Team Hickam are needed to help nearly 700 dorm residents feel at home during the holiday season. Every year, volunteers rally together to bake holiday cookies for airmen in the dorms. Homemade cookies can be dropped off at the

Daedalian Room of the O'Club on Dec. 8 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. Volunteers are also needed to wrap the cookie care packages. For more information, contact Karen Torres at 422-6585 or Millette Wardell at 421-0279.

15th CS closure

The 15th Comptroller Squadron will be closed on Monday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an official function. For any finance questions, call 1st Lt James Lee at (808) 232-5143

Holiday pick-up schedule

The schedule for refuse pick-up for the upcoming holidays will be as follows: . Thanksgiving, Nov. 27: all trash, recycling and bulk will NOT be picked up; it will be picked up the following day, Nov. 28, Christmas, Dec. 25: all trash, recycling and bulk will

NOT be picked up; it will be picked up the following day, Dec. 26. Additionally, New Years day there will be no refuse pick-up; it will be picked up on Jan. 2. If you have any questions, call Master Sgt. Gary Martin at 448-0565.

Tower lighting

The annual Hickam Tower light ceremony is schedule for Dec. 3. It will kick off at 4:30 p.m. with youth programs.

Special guests will include Santa Claus and the Air Force band of the Pacific.

Kukini correction

In the Nov. 14th issue, students on the front page were misidentified as attending the Hickam Elementary School. The student actually attend the Mokulele Elementary School

Crossword puzzle: *Happy Thanksgiving*

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS**
- 1. Native American who helped 6 ACROSS in 1620
 - 6. Purtain helped by 1 ACROSS
 - 12. Tiger's organization
 - 13. USAF space-lift vehicle for satellites
 - 14. Cash machine
 - 15. Poetry
 - 17. Desire
 - 18. Fiction writer Edgar Allen
 - 19. Hope for Thanksgiving
 - 20. Actresses Thompson and Caulfield
 - 22. Knight
 - 23. Drop
 - 26. Dirt
 - 27. Wampanoag chief invited to first Thanksgiving
 - 31. Item 1 ACROSS taught 6 DOWN colony to raise
 - 34. Woodwind instrument
 - 35. Stadium cheers
 - 36. Saga
 - 37. Mend
 - 38. Mocks
 - 40. Overseas address
 - 41. Tail markings for a/c assigned to 28th BW
 - 42. Supervisor change in USAF (abbrev.)
 - 43. USAF assignment system (abbrev.)
 - 46. Computer "laugh"
 - 47. Terra ____, Ind.
 - 49. Tail marking for a/c assigned to 180th FW



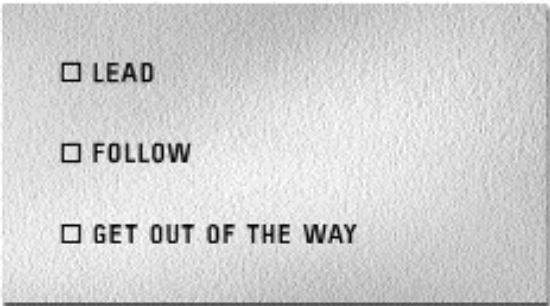
- 50. Center of the solar system
- 51. Thanksgiving items filled with food
- 54. Reason for first Thanksgiving
- 55. Mistake
- 58. Actress Archer
- 59. 1621 colony governor who declared first Thanksgiving
- 60. Item had after Thanksgiving

- meal
61. Sault ____ Marie
- DOWN**
- 1. Emergency code
 - 2. Former US base, RAF ____ Heyford
 - 3. Holy site in India
 - 4. USAF E-4 aircraft
 - 5. Lyrical poem
 - 6. Colony founded by 6 ACROSS
 - 7. Article
 - 8. Actresses Turner and Clarkson
 - 9. Talk
 - 10. Simpson trial judge
 - 11. French lady (abbrev.)
 - 16. Cliques
 - 19. Former home to Clark AFB (abbrev.)
 - 21. The Final Frontier?
 - 22. Native American who first interacted with Mass. colony
 - 24. President who declared Thanksgiving a national day
 - 25. Apply
 - 26. Hamm and Farrow
 - 28. Cain's brother
 - 29. Female pig
 - 30. Mining goal
 - 32. October birthstones
 - 33. Remove from a magazine (two words)
 - 38. Ancient Germanic letter (two words)
 - 39. Acronym for George W. Bush
 - 42. Dress a turkey?
 - 44. Actress Kelly of The Cutting Edge
 - 45. Pieces of glass
 - 47. What 52 ACROSS are made of
 - 48. Shock therapy formally (abbrev.)
 - 51. Walking stick
 - 52. Lively
 - 53. Cushy
 - 54. Owned
 - 56. Fish egg
 - 57. Increase

Crossword puzzle: Answers to Nov. 14 Northern Lights



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HICKAM Kukini

**Refrigerator-worthy
events happening
on Hickam over the
next seven days**

Movies

Hickam Grind Time

- Weekly lunch menus at the Hale Aina dining facility, enlisted and officer clubs.



Mon. - Baked chicken, swiss steak w/tomato sauce, baked italian sausage

Tues. - Onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel, beef yakisoba

Wed. - Sauerbraten, pork schnitzel, veal jaeger schnitzel

Thurs. - Orange spiced pork chops, tempura fried fish, liver and onions

Fri. - Lemon baked fish, roast turkey, beef and corn pie



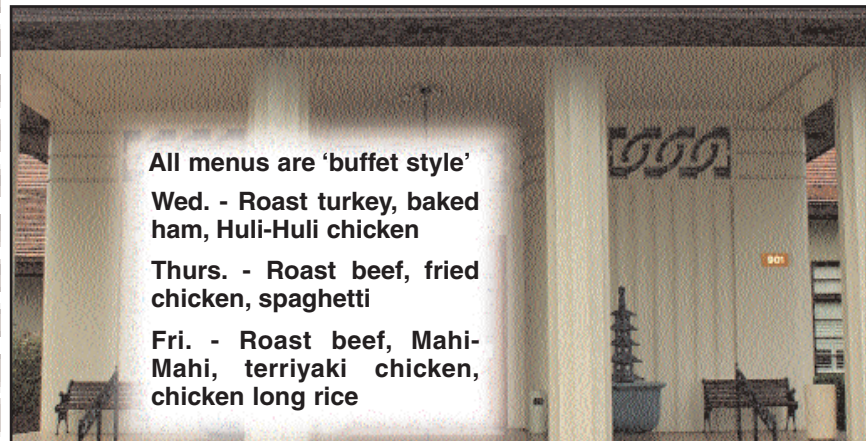
Mon. - Barbeque chicken, chicken fried steak, battered fish

Tues. - Roast chicken, corned beef and cabbage, pork chop with mustard caper sauce

Wed. - Hawaiian buffet

Thurs. - Filipino menu

Fri. - Orange chicken, pork chop w/chutney, furikake salmon, king crab legs

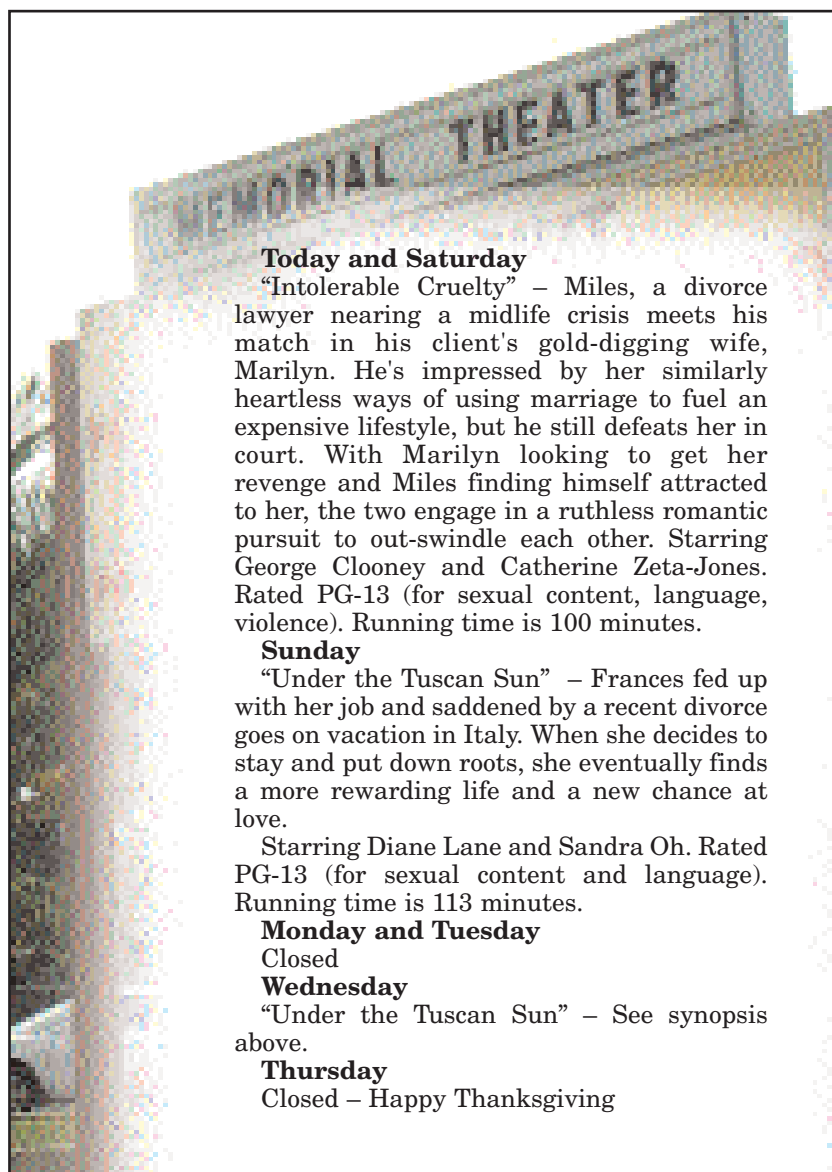


All menus are 'buffet style'

Wed. - Roast turkey, baked ham, Huli-Huli chicken

Thurs. - Roast beef, fried chicken, spaghetti

Fri. - Roast beef, Mahi-Mahi, terriyaki chicken, chicken long rice



Today and Saturday

"Intolerable Cruelty" - Miles, a divorce lawyer nearing a midlife crisis meets his match in his client's gold-digging wife, Marilyn. He's impressed by her similarly heartless ways of using marriage to fuel an expensive lifestyle, but he still defeats her in court. With Marilyn looking to get her revenge and Miles finding himself attracted to her, the two engage in a ruthless romantic pursuit to out-swindle each other. Starring George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Rated PG-13 (for sexual content, language, violence). Running time is 100 minutes.

Sunday

"Under the Tuscan Sun" - Frances fed up with her job and saddened by a recent divorce goes on vacation in Italy. When she decides to stay and put down roots, she eventually finds a more rewarding life and a new chance at love.

Starring Diane Lane and Sandra Oh. Rated PG-13 (for sexual content and language). Running time is 113 minutes.

Monday and Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday

"Under the Tuscan Sun" - See synopsis above.

Thursday

Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

Chapel

Protestant

Nelles Chapel

Sunday contemporary service - 8:30 a.m.

Gospel worship service - 11:15 a.m.

Chapel Center

Sunday traditional - 8:30 a.m.

Catholic

Nelles Chapel

Saturday confessions - 4:15 p.m.;

Saturday Mass - 5 p.m.

Chapel Center

Sunday mass - 10 a.m.

Jewish

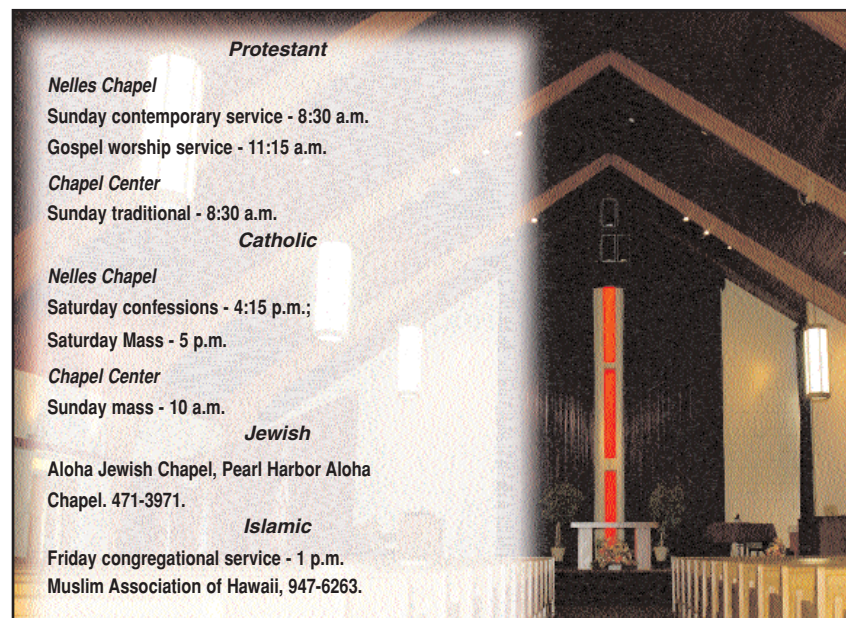
Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor Aloha

Chapel. 471-3971.

Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.

Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.





Around the Air Force

Supplemental bill to improve quality of life

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Part of the \$87.5 billion supplemental-appropriations bill for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan signed earlier this month by President George Bush will go toward improving quality of life for servicemembers there.

"We want people to have air conditioning," Dov Zakheim said here Nov. 17. He is the undersecretary of

defense (comptroller) and chief financial officer. "We want them to have running water. We want them to have decent facilities to sleep in."

Zakheim said the servicemembers who deployed to Afghanistan started out in "pretty miserable conditions." He said he has visited the country several times and can testify that things are improving every day.

The bill provides \$64.7 billion for military operations

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in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Of this, about \$51 billion is for Operation Iraqi Freedom and \$10 billion for Operation Enduring Freedom. The remaining funds will cover costs with Operation Noble Eagle and support for allies in the war on terror.

The bill also includes about \$19 billion for reconstruction projects in Iraq. The basic objective is not just to transfer sovereignty to Iraq but also to "put them on their own economic feet," Zakheim said.

This includes funding various security forces – civil defense forces, facilities protection forces and the new Iraqi army.

If the average Iraqi sees that the new environment will create a better future for him or her, then he or she will buy into the larger ideas for a democratic future for Iraq, Zakheim said.

Zakheim acknowledged there are still some internal difficulties in southeastern Afghanistan, but added, "People may not realize that Afghanistan has

its most stable government in 30 years. For the average Afghan to have peace (and) not have their cities blown up by their own people is new. It's novel, and we've done that for the Afghan people.

Waist size reflects whole health

WASHINGTON – The waist-measurement portion of the Air Force's new fitness standard serves as a gauge for total health, said the Air Force chief of health promotion operations.

"The waist measurement is used to determine visceral or intra-abdominal fat," said Maj. Lisa Schmidt. Air Force officials chose this measurement because there is ample evidence that links an increase in visceral fat with an increase in risk for disease.

"When we looked at developing health-based standards, we reviewed a lot of literature of the best ways to predict health risks for members, and abdominal circumference kept surfacing," Maj. Schmidt said.

"With more abdominal fat, you have more risk for diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some types of cancer."

Agencies like the American Medical Association and the National Institute of Health have produced such studies, Maj. Schmidt said.

"The risk for disease is independent of your height," Schmidt said. "Other things considered, if you are 5 foot 2 inches tall or you are 6 foot 2 inches tall, your risk for disease is the same if you have a 40-inch waist. The same applies with your age. If you are 20 years old or 50 years old, the risk is the same based on waist measurements."

Additionally, unlike other body parts, the size of the waist does not grow proportionally with height, Schmidt said.

While there is no variance allowed for height when it comes to waist measurements, it is important to consider the fitness evaluation as a whole in regards to the total-fitness score, Schmidt said.



Note: For more information about programs offered by Life Skills, call 449-0175; Family Support Center, call 449-0300; Health and Wellness Center, call 448-4292; or Family Advocacy, call 449-0175.

Worklife

Looking for employment in Hawaii – An employment briefing is scheduled for Tuesday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Explore local employment trends, be informed on employment and education resources, register to use the JEMS computerized job bank, and learn how to maximize a job search via the Internet. Call FSC to register.

Smooth move – A Smooth Move class is scheduled for Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. Subject matter experts will provide updates on the latest policy changes that may impact a move. Call FSC to register.

Resume writing II – A resume writing class is scheduled for Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. You will have the opportunity to have your draft resume reviewed by other participants and FSC staff members. Resume I, TAP workshop, or equivalent training is required prior to attending this class. Call FSC to register.

Finance

New to Hawaii financial briefing – A new to Hawaii briefing is scheduled for Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. Designed for all E-4s and below at their second permanent duty station. This financial orientation will help with the unique assignment to Hickam and introduce newcomers to the many services of the personal financial management program, schedule attendance through unit's orderly room.

Money management – A money management class is scheduled for Wednesday from 1 to

2 p.m. This class offers the participant the opportunity to create a budget using an automated program and the PowerPay debt management software to assist with credit management. Call FSC to register.

Investing made simple – An investments class is scheduled for Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. This class is designed for the person who is thinking about getting started in investing for the future. Learn about different resources which can help build a financial future. Call FSC to register.

Intermediate investing – An investment class is scheduled for Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This class will focus on how to build an investment portfolio to meet specific needs using various Internet resources. Recommend for those who possess a basic understanding of investing or who have already attended the Investing Made Simple class. Call FSC to register.



American forces join Qatari basketball league

By Master Sgt. William J. Sharp
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar (AFPN) – Varsity basketball and history are in the making here, and the host nation's king may be the reason why.

The newly formed American Forces basketball team, made up of servicemembers in the area, will play a Qatari army team in the nation's capital city, Doha on Nov. 9. The game will mark the first time Americans have played in the league.

The team's origin occurred at a recent meeting between the king

and the area's senior military leaders. During the meeting, the king expressed interest in having his country's basketball teams play against a U.S. armed forces squad. Word quickly filtered down through various commanders in the area.

Tech. Sgt. Richard Byers, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of rations for the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron here, agreed to help lead, recruit and coach the team.

Although league games will be played indoors, the team lacks an indoor gym and has practiced outdoors in 100-degree heat. Byers said he hopes the training will help con-

dition the team.

"Some of the league's players also play on the Qatari national team and have been scouted by National Basketball Association teams. We know the games won't be easy," Byers said.

"We also want to have fun and, most importantly, to act as international ambassadors of basketball," he said. "As military servicemen, we understand what we're here for and the importance of our work. In that respect, we think of basketball as an international language. We'd like to use it to continue building the positive relationship the area bases have with our host nation."

International rules, like those used at the Olympics, will be used in league play. International-rules teams tend to play tough, physical defense and use a fast-paced offense. There are four city leagues. If the team does well in the league, it can move up to the next competition level where teams are better skilled.

The team's biggest challenge so far has been continuity. It has been hard to "gel" together when work schedules and frequent military transfers cause instability in the

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lineup, Byers said. He counters by sticking to the basics.

“We keep it simple – run, pass, shoot,” Byers said.

The American team has already tested itself. It crushed a Filipino team Oct. 5, 104-42, but Byers downplayed the lopsided victory because the opponents “didn’t have all their players.”

A few days later, the Americans scrimmaged against the Qatari national squad, a team which

finished third in a recent all-Asia tournament. This time the Americans were without their big men and, although no score was kept, it was obvious they had been outplayed.

A former all armed forces standout player, Master Sgt. Charles Caldwell said he wants to be a catalyst toward the team having a winning season. The 6-foot 6-inch, 265-pound center and power forward is assigned to the Combined Air Operations Center here.

“I hope to bring experience and leadership to the games,” said Caldwell who has played in German leagues against players 7-feet tall. “Experience is the only situation where you get to test before the lesson. That means I hope to help the younger or inexperienced players avoid mistakes before they’re made.

“I also hope my size forces opponents to collapse their defense on me. That will help free up my teammates for open shots,” Caldwell said.j28

Intramural sports standings

(Current as of Tuesday)

9-hole Golf		Flag football	
Tuesday		Monday / Wednesday	
502nd AOG A	45	15th CES	10-2-0
735th AMS	36	25th ASOS	11-1-0
15th CS	34.5	AFOSI/15th SVS	0-12-0
692nd IOG	34.5	PACAF RSS	8-4-0
502nd AOG B	28.5	15th MDG	3-9-0
HQ PACAF B	23.5	735th AMS	7-5-0
352nd IOS	18	15th SFS	2-10-0
Wednesday		Tuesday / Thursday	
HQ PACAF A	39.5	HQ PACAF	13-1-0
154th Wing A	34	154th Wing	4-0-0
324th IS A	31	PACAF CSS	11-3-0
PACAF CSS	27.5	502nd AOG	9-5-0
15th SFS	37	15th CS	6-8-0
PACAF RSS	0	352nd IOS	8-6-0
Det. 5	17.5	324th IS	4-10-0
154th Wing B	0		

Sports Shorts

Recreational CO-ED Flag Football

Saturday 6 on 6 League, coaches Meeting Tuesday 11 a.m. in Sports Conference Room. For more information call, Stacy Barkdull, Hickam Athletic Office, 448-4640.

HASAC Cross Country Meet

Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Base is hosting the Interservice Cross Country meet Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Come out and show your support for the Air Force Cross Country Team.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson

Derrel Evans, 692nd Information Operations Group, prepares to squat 495lbs. during a recent workout at the Hickam Fitness Center. Evans is the strongest man in America in the 242 pound weight class.

Derrel Evans: *Pounding the Competition*

By Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson
PACAF News Service

"I am not only ranked as the strongest man in the military but I am also the strongest man in America in the 242 pound weight class."

A heavy statement to back up, but for powerlifter Tech. Sgt. Darrell Evans, 692nd Information Operations Group, Hickam AFB Hawaii, it became true Nov. 8 when he bench pressed 490 pounds, squatted 690 pounds and dead lifted 690 pounds during the American Invitational Powerlifting Championships, held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dominating his competitors, Sergeant Evans' 1870 pound total beat his five competitors with the second place lifter finishing 140 pounds

behind him.

With six major powerlifting organizations throughout the U.S., this event was the first time that all the organizations came together, inviting an elite class of only 70 powerlifters.

"This was a by-invitation only event bringing the top lifters from all the organizations together to see who really is the best overall," said Sergeant Evans.

"I usually only compete in three major events a year so this competition allowed me to really see where I stand against the best."

Having competed for more than 10 years in powerlifting, these feats of strength have not come easy for this 32-year-old.

"Every morning at 5 a.m. I am at the base gym," he said.

"I have been going so long that it has become

routine for my body."

But all of this hard work has not gone without its rewards. Sergeant Evans has been the top power lifter in the Department of Defense for the last three years, the top Air Force powerlifter for United States Air Forces in Europe five-consecutive years and the top lifter in Armed Forces in Europe three-consecutive years.

Having been an athletic enthusiast nearly all of his life, these recent accolades are continued stepping stones to his never ending strive for personal fitness excellence.

"Although there is currently no Olympic powerlifting event, said Sergeant Evans.

"The next possible step for me would be a lifting spot for the Pan Am Games and competing in other national level events.